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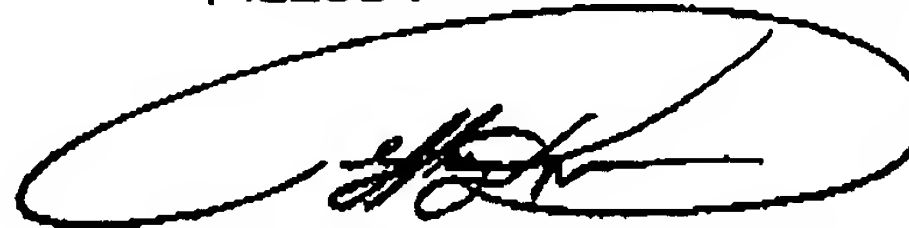
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Sir:

On January 13, 2005, Examiner George Bugg telephoned the undersigned to issue an oral Restriction Requirement for the above-captioned patent application. The Examiner identified the following distinct groups: (1) Group I, encompassing claims 1-2; (2) Group II, encompassing claims 3-6; (3) Group III, encompassing claims 7-12; (4) Group IV, encompassing claims 13-15; and (5) Group V, encompassing claims 16-18.

On January 18, 2005, we relayed to Examiner Bugg the Applicant's election of Group I, for further prosecution.

On January 25, 2005, during a further telephone conversation with Examiner Bugg, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, which was redefined to encompass claims 1-6.

